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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZAPU MEMBERS HELD: INTERNAL BLACK LEADERS

MORE REFUSE COMMENT ON SMITH'S SPEECH

REF::A) PRETORIA 5326;B)PRETORIA 5353

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF SEPTEMBER 12 REPORT THAT THE RHODESIAN POLICE HAVE CONTINUED TO DETAIN ZAPU PARTY MEMBERS AND THAT NOW AT LEAST 30 OFFICIALS ARE HELD. ZAPU INTERNAL LEADER CHINAMANO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE EXPECTS THE PARTY TO BE BANNED SOON AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT NET IS CLOSING IN ON HIM. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT HAS FAILED AND HE (SMITH) HAS NOTHING LEFT TO DELIVER TO THE WHITES. HE IS ACTING AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE LIKE US AND NOT INDICATING TO THE COUNTRY HOW HE IS GOING TO STOP THE KILLINGS".

2. MEANWHILE, PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT THE THREE

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INTERNAL BLACK LEADERS HAVE GIVEN NO COMMENT PUBLICLY

ON THE SMITH'S SPEECH OF SEPTEMBER 10. MUZOREWA'S UANC

SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING "COMMENT WOULD COME IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER LATER THIS WEEK". ZANU (SITHOLE)

SPOKESMAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THE PARTY FOUND NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY IN THE SPEECH AND FELT NO COMMENT WAS NECESSARY.

ZUPO SPOKESMAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID NO STATEMENT WOULD

BE ISSUED.

3. THE RHODESIAN NATIONAL DAILY, THE HERALD, CONTINUED
TO CRITICIZE SMITHEECH (SEE REF B) IN ITS EDITORIAL
OF SEPTEMBER 11 WHEN IT REFERRED TO THE SPEECH AS "SMOETHING
OF A DAMP SQUIB". IT WENT ON TO SAY "AFTER THE BIG BUILD-UP
OF THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH WAS TOO FULL
OF GENERALITIES FOR MANY RHODESIANS".
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